

MERCHANTS MAY PUT UP A NON PARTY TICKET

"A plague on both your houses," is what an important element in the business community is beginning to say regarding the local political organizations, and the prediction is made now that the next campaign will see an independent, non-partisan business men's ticket in the field for municipal offices. The new Civic Federation, with its tremendously increased membership and its popular plan of organization, is regarded as a probable leader in such a movement for better local administration, but it is stated that already the matter has taken some shape in informal discussions in the Merchants' Association.

The evident efforts of the parties to organize machines in the local bureaus are responsible for the present discussion of plans to turn both out, as far as partisanship in municipal office is concerned. The Republican majority of the Board of Supervisors is frankly carrying out plans, for which it went to the legislature for assistance, to turn the road department over to political appointees, and the Democratic mayor is admittedly fighting the plans to save such offices as he can for the Democrats. A long list of nominations by the mayor and the rejections thereof by the majority of the board, since January 1, have shown a consistent record of partisan appointments and rejections or confirmations all down the line.

Both the Same.

Republicans, who admit that their supervisors are doing a lot of politics, charge that the Democratic organization is even worse. After two years of Democratic administration at the police station, the Democrats last year held a county convention with enough policemen as delegates to control the ticket, say the Republicans, and hence, they declare, it is not for Democrats to make any charge about political machines.

Machine for Murray.

Rumors continue that the new road machine, if it is formed, will be designed to land the nomination for sheriff for Supervisor Murray, whose friends think he can beat Jarrett next time. This is one of the reported schemes that helped to rouse the talk in favor of a business men's ticket. If such a machine develops enough strength to be dangerous, it is said to be likely that the non-partisan element will unite with the Democrats in order to break it up.

RECLAMATION IS TO BE THE WATCHWORD

Reclamation is likely to be the watchword of the Board of Healthers. The land is owned generally by from now on, according to President Mott-Smith. At least it will occupy a very important part in the Board's work, and the "revolving fund" of \$250,000, provided by the last legislature, will be kept turning as lively as circumstances will permit.

The work of getting a big lot of the swamp land around Honolulu filled in, is one of the big things which President Mott-Smith is now devoting himself to, almost exclusively. Before the end of this week he will probably be in possession of maps and profiles for the first part of the work that will be undertaken. This is a large area in Kewalo district, which is bounded by South Street, Ala Moana, Ward Avenue, and King street.

Property Owners Assist.

Almost the whole area thus bounded must be filled in or raised sufficiently to permit sanitary drainage by sewerage. The land is owned generally by several large estates, but all of these interests, Secretary Mott-Smith states, will probably bear their proportion of the cost, without any protest. In fact the Bishop Estate is already prepared with its data, maps, estimates, etc. The Ward estate and the Cummings estate are also about ready, and in all probability it will not be necessary to draw on the \$125,000 of the reclamation fund, which is at present available, as the costs will be met by the property owners themselves. It may be that the Board will have to pay for filling a few small places, and to get its money back by filing a lien on the property, according to law; and this is just where the revolving fund comes in—it gives the Territory a lever by which it can enforce sanitary improvement.

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PLAGUE COST 650,690 LIVES IN SIX MONTHS

(Associated Press Cables to The Star.)

LONDON, July 19.—There have been 650,690 deaths from plague in India in the last six months.

THE SAN DIEGO EXPOSITION.

SAN DIEGO, July 19.—Ground has been broken here for the Panama-California Exposition. President Taft pressed the button in Washington unfurling the exposition flags.

MEXICAN TROOPS FOR PENINSULA.

SAN DIEGO, July 19.—Mexican troops have arrived here. They were sent to suppress bandits in Lower California.

SUGAR TRUST NO MONOPOLY.

NEW YORK, July 19.—President Thomas testified today that the American Sugar Refining Company was not a monopoly and made less than half the sugar in America.

MARTIAL LAW AT AGUA PRIETA.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., July 19.—Martial law prevails in Agua Prieta following the refusal of discharged soldiers to surrender their arms.

WORKS FOR RECIPROCITY.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Senator Works of California made a speech in the Senate today in favor of reciprocity.

PROTECTION WANTED FOR AMERICANS.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The government has asked Mexico to protect Americans in Lower California.

INDICTED WALLPAPER MEN.

CLEVELAND, O., July 19.—Four officials of wallpaper firms have been indicted for a violation of the Sherman Act.

WAYS OF THE UNION.

CARDIFF, July 19.—The labor men have decided to tie up the port until the Seamen's Union is reorganized.

VETO IS OVERRIDDEN AND CATHCART MAKES A PROTEST

By the expected party vote of six to one, the supervisors last night overrode the mayor's veto of the new road ordinance. The ordinance is described by supervisors as designed to place the administration of road affairs generally in the hands of the city and county engineer, but its terms do not, it is claimed, give him any real authority over the various road overseers.

The ordinance will go into effect after due publication, and then a contest may begin which only the courts can settle. Democrats plan to contest its legality, the issue being the right of Road Supervisor Wilder to retain his position, while the Republicans claim under the ordinance that they can remove him, and make new appointments. The appointments contemplated are that of Gere as city and county engineer, with powers as defined in the new ordinance, of general supervision of all the road work, and of road overseers in each district.

Charles B. Wilson being the man slated for the Honolulu district. Though the ordinance says that the overseers shall work, "under the direction of the city and county engineer," it is claimed that its general provisions are such that it gives him no real authority over them, and the mayor's veto is based in part on this ground. He declares that the ordinance will not carry out the avowed purpose of consolidating the work in the hands of the engineer.

Other Business.

City and County Attorney John W. Cathcart last night sent in a letter approving the new screening ordinance and adding to his approval a complaint about the board passing ordinances without consulting the attorney's department, with special reference to the unconstitutional plumbing act, which Cathcart's department was

FILIPINO LABORERS ARE KNOCKING HAWAII

Filipino laborers on these islands are knocking the Filipinos down. They are said to be writing to their homes and telling others who may think of coming here not to make the journey, and painting a terrible condition of affairs. There would seem to be some truth in the reports that such letters are sent, when it is recollected that for some time now the number of Filipinos arriving by each boat has been small.

The tenor of the letters is said to be that the laborers have to work hard for their money and get very little freedom. Everyone, they claim, is ahead of them on the plantations, and they have no redress. The Portuguese and the Spanish laborers receive better treatment than they do, and are not interfered with when

DRAWING FOR LAND OPENING AGAIN SHOWS FEW APPLICANTS

Only seven applications for the twenty-seven Kau (Hawaii) lots, which comprise the offerings of home-land in the Third land division, were found to be in the sealed box when it was opened at nine o'clock this morning in the land office. Yesterday, in the drawing for thirty-three lots in the Second division (North and South Kona), there were only thirteen applications. Of today's list, three of the applications are from persons who have filed applications in each of the other divisions thus far drawn.

The applicants for Kau lots are as follows: Mrs. Anna Penlamina, K. Hookiekie, Thomas K. Forrest, Jr., Job. Nalau Kamoku, Wm. K. Forrest, Harry O. Tiedemann, Nahulu Moku-ho when it was opened at nine o'clock this morning in the land office. Yesterday, in the drawing for thirty-three lots in the Second division (North and South Kona), there were only thirteen applications. Of today's list, three of the applications are from persons who have filed applications in each of the other divisions thus far drawn.

The drawing tomorrow is expected to be more popular, and it is believed there will be several hundred applications for the 115 lots which are offered in the Fourth land division. Among these lots are some valuable cane lands in South Hilo, and also in different districts in North Hilo, besides various lots in Puna.

JUDGE HARTWELL HEARD, BUT DIDN'T SEE CORONATION PARADE

Judge Hartwell writes pleasantly from San Francisco where he is established at the Fairmont. He did not see the coronation march after all, though his rooms in London, where he lay sick, looked down upon all the pomp and circumstance. The Judge had caught cold in New York before sailing. He landed in Wales, but got more cold and was starting for Paris by way of London, when he concluded to remain for a few days and see the British capital. There he saw the procession of 40,000 soldiers, which was "a great and inspiring sight," but standing in the chill air brought him down with bronchitis, which kept him in bed ten days. During this time coronation day came and went. He writes: "I could hear the troops—infantry, cavalry and artillery—as they marched along Northumberland avenue, the street below my windows, with the martial music. I could hear the shrill voices of the officers giving out their orders, but as for getting up and looking out of the window, that was out of the question."

On June 28, the Judge was able to start for California. He landed in New York on July 4 and took the train west the next day.

STOWAWAY MAY BE MURDERER

The question asked by the officers on board the Zealandia was whether the Fijian stowaway discovered after the vessel had been a day out of Suva had been connected with a shooting affair there, for which no arrests were effected. It is believed that he was trying to escape from justice. The name of the stowaway is not known, not that is, so that it could be reduced to print to make it look anything like what it really is. Harbor Officer Weday, who has the man in charge, does not attempt to call him by his name at all.

The man was left here yesterday by the Zealandia, and will be transhipped to the Makura, due here on Friday from Vancouver. He will be returned to Suva, and the authorities will be notified of his arrival in case he is wanted on a serious charge.

POLICE STATION IS WAKING UP

The quietness which has enveloped the police station like a pall for the past couple of weeks has been dispelled. The turnkey has become a creature of watchfulness and activity, and the receiving clerk is receiving in quite his best form. Once more the clang-clang of the hurry-up wagon's gong enlivens the streets and the clatter of flying hoofs tells all and sundry that another guest has been hooked for the Hotel de Jug.

The wave of disorder came unexpectedly and in volumes. This morning no less than six arrests were made.

H. Torbett, not only drunk, but very drunk, was the first to get his name on the sheet.

Then, all in a flutter, came the fair Lily Blossom, charged with having disturbed the quietness of the night. Lily resides in Kakaako and along about midnight a party of friends called to give her a surprise party. It wasn't Lily's reception evening, however, and she fired the crowd out of the house. The visitors remained in the yard, telling Lily just what they thought about her, and such a racket was raised that the neighbors complained, and the police were dispatched to the spot. Lily was making more noise than all the rest put together, so she got pinched, and will tell her tale of woe to Judge Monsarrat tomorrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ke are charged with assault and battery on Kelpaia Kakai. It appears that the two women were squabbling when Ke grabbed the other woman by the mouth and held her speechless while his wife slapped her face.

Alex McCandless is in the tank suffering from an attack of most gorgeous snakes. This morning he jumped out of a second-story window on King street, near Liliha, and was taken to the hospital. He was found to be unhurt and was removed to the police station, there to sober up.

Bretana is charged with common assault and Padeska, a hackman on the Bethel street stand, has been arrested on the complaint of Joe Lucas for alleged profanity. When one hack driver charges another with profanity the language used must be worth making a note of by all students of philology.

Secretary Mott-Smith has completed his semi-annual report of Territorial executive proceedings covering the period ending June 30th, in accordance with the provision of the Organic Act which requires such a report to be made to the President every six months. All business of an official character, requiring the signature of the governor, are expected to appear in this report.

O'ROURKE OFFERS PRACTICAL PLANS TO REVIVE RACING HERE

Dr. O'Rourke, son of John O'Rourke of Hilo, left for his home in Reno, Nev., by the S. S. Wilhelmnia this morning.

The doctor, who is a well known veterinary surgeon, came to the islands several months ago for a vacation and for the purpose of visiting his father. Incidentally he brought along a horse or two which he trained and entered with signal success in the events of the recent Maui meeting.

He stated this morning that Merlingo, the Ornament stallion, is practically sold to the Horners of Kukaian and that the good mare Spring Ban has also a prospective purchaser. It is understood that the figure at which Merlingo is held is \$1000 and he is certainly cheap at the price. Merlingo is a little iron horse which has been racing for years and is today as sound and as good as ever. His Bend

Or blood makes him particularly desirable for breeding purposes. Denervo, the shapely bay pacer which defeated the pride of Maui on the Fourth of July, will remain in the Territory for several months at least. It is too late to enter him for the mainland races and there may be a chance of a race with a local pacer, though this seems to be unlikely, for the little horse is much overestimated by local horsemen and is given credit for being little short of a two-minute horse, whereas the best heat he has ever paced was 2:06. This mark, however, being made in the ninth heat.

Future of Racing Here.

Asked as to his views on the future of racing here, Dr. O'Rourke said: "If the legislature will pass a bill permitting the use of the totalizator

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A CHINESE HUI TO MAKE POI

A hul of Chinese poi makers has been formed for the purpose of manufacturing the Hawaiian food staple on a large scale, by means of modern machinery and in sanitary surroundings. The factory will be located on Liliha street at Kunawai lane, and according to plans filed with the Board of Health will cover a ground area of 32 by 66 feet, besides various out buildings. The building is to have floors entirely of concrete.

Since the closing of so many poi shops during the cholera epidemic the poi business has been severely crippled and the new shop is intended to remedy these conditions as far as the Chinese manufacturers are concerned.

The stock books of Ewa Plantation Co., will be closed to transfers from July 20 to July 31.

MRS. WHITING DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

Mrs. F. E. Whiting of Davenport, Iowa, mother of Mrs. Albert Afong of this city, died shortly before six o'clock this morning at the Afong residence, after an illness of many weeks. Mrs. Whiting was here for a long visit several years ago and made many Honolulu friends. After a severe illness in the East she returned here about three months ago in the hope of bettering her health, but the case proved hopeless. Her son, William Whiting, arrived here on the Sierra about two weeks ago. Miss Katherine Whiting and Mrs. Afong were also with their mother. The funeral will be held this afternoon from the residence of Albert Afong, Rev. Canon Ault conducting the services. The funeral will be private.

The inquest held last night on A. P. C. Correa resulted in a verdict of suicide being returned. No testimony was offered to denote reason for the act.

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